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GERMANS UNABLE TO LOOSEN GRIP OF ENGLISH AT ST. ELOI

SLANDERS HOLD RECENTLY WON GROUND AGAINST COUNTER ATTACKS

"RS WIN TEMPORARY SUCCESS BUT BRITISH FINALLY ABLE TO EJECT THEM, HEAVY LOSSES SUFFERING

HARD FIGHTING AT OTHER POINTS REPORTED

Austrians and Italians Engaged in One of the Most Bitter Battles of Their Campaign—Germans Claim to Have Succeeded in Stopping Russian Offensive—Many Aerial Combats are Reported.

LONDON, March 30.—Fighting of a desperate character is still going on between the British and the Germans along the British line in Flanders, particularly near St. Eloi, where German grenade throwers succeeded in reaching a portion of mine crater held by the British near Boesinghe, but the British succeeded in putting down this attack with heavy losses to the Germans.

Strong Austrian and Italian forces are aligned against each other in the Gorizia sector of the Italian front. On the heights of Solferino sporadic fighting is occurring for the possession of terrain and elsewhere along that front artillery duels are in progress.

Berlin claims that the big Russian offensive in the Prusso-Polish region has ceased and that the Russians have also stopped attacks in the region of Lake Naroz. Artillery duels, however, continue around Jacobstadt and north of Vizy. Comparative quiet prevails along all the other fronts.

Germans have desisted in their efforts to advance on Verdin from the northwest. There has been some fighting at Verdin, French claiming that the Germans were repulsed.

Great aerial activity is reported tonight in the French official statement, five German machines being shot down in the Verdun region, two in Champagne and one west of Louvain in the same district. The French machines were hit many times but all of the French pilots are said to have returned safely.

Heavy German attacks have been delivered around Louvain, liquid bombs being employed, but the Germans were repulsed with considerable losses. West of the Meuse artillery actions have ceased temporarily, but artillery bombardments in the Malancourt region have been renewed.

SUBMARINE BASES DISCOVERED

LONDON, March 30.—The discovery by the entente allies patrol ships of four hostile submarine bases among the Greek islands was announced in a wireless dispatch from Rome tonight.

BLOCKADE IS TIGHTENED

LONDON, March 30.—An order in council issued to-night says: "Neither a vessel nor her cargo shall be immune from capture for breach of blockade upon the sole ground that she is at the moment on her way to a non-blockaded port."

PORUGAL PREPARING FOR WAR

LISBON, March 30.—Portugal is actively preparing for war, having all eventualities in view, according to the newspaper *Secolo*, which points out that a submarine attack on Lisbon is possible.

GERMAN ARRESTED ON FEDERAL CHARGE DESTROYED BY EARLY MORNING BLAZE

ANE TAUCHER ACCUSED OF HOMELAND CONSPIRACY TO DESTROY WELLAND CANAL

WELL-KNOWN IN GOTHAM

Sixty persons, mostly members of the Ku Klux Klan, have gathered in Gotham last night to be off on the Klansmen's first major raid against Negroes in New York. On the way, however, they were arrested by the police.

The Klan, who had threatened the Negroes, stated that they were afraid to burn down the Negroes' homes because they were afraid that they would be blamed for it if they did.

Members of the family stated that there had been no fire in the house during the night previous.

Prompt work by the fire department prevented the flames from spreading, as well as giving volunteers time to remove a considerable part of the household goods.

During brightly the fire attracted hundreds of people to the scene who believed that all that part of the city was in danger but the fire was confined to the McNeil home.

RIOTS IN ARGENTINE

BELGRANO ALTAZAR, Argentina, March 28.—Several persons were killed and a number wounded as the result of anti-American riots in San Luis yesterday, when the rebels were set upon by the police.

VILLA WELL SUPPLIED WITH GUNS AND AMMUNITION, FORMER AGENT ASSERTS



VILLA BANDITS LEAVE TRAIL OF BLOOD

OUTLAWS MASSACRE ENTIRE CARRANZA FORCE AT GUERRERO

BOTH AMERICAN AND MEXICAN TROOPS REPORTED TO BE CLOSING IN ON FUGITIVES AND IT IS NOT BELIEVED THAT FIGHT CAN BE MUCH LONGER POSTPONED

NO SUPPLY TRAINS ARE YET GOING FORWARD

American Army Officers Make no Move to Take Advantage of Carranza's Conditional Permission to Use Mexican Northwestern Railroad—Conditions Appear More Complicated Than Ever

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, March 30.—After killing every one of the one hundred and seventy-two men in the garrison at Guerrero, Villa yesterday moved northward and is now somewhere near the headwaters of the Santa Maria river, according to unofficial information reaching Gen. Funston tonight. Gen. Funston states that his information was probably correct.

Reports said that Carranzistas and Americans were closing in on Villa, who has a considerable force on the San Gerónimo ranch and that a fight is possible in the next day or two unless Villa again breaks through the Mexican lines.

Gen. Pershing has been advised of the report of Villa's whereabouts and it is known that the disposition of his troops and of those of the Mexican government are such that he cannot well escape without a fight. The American troops are converging in columns from the north and it is indicated that part of them have gone so far south that they will be able to join Carranza forces, thus preventing Villa's escape in that direction.

NO SUPPLY TRAINS MOVE

EL PASO, Texas, March 30.—The problem of forwarding supplies to the expeditionary base at Colonia Dublan over the Mexican Northwestern railway changed from the perplexing to the mystic this night. Gen. Bell refused to give out any information, as did other military officers. One definite fact is that no supplies have been sent, as no trains have left Juarez during the last two days. Railroad authorities said that no arrangements have been made for forwarding supplies, although they are holding one train in readiness.

Most reliable information tonight places Villa somewhere in the fastnesses of the great Continental Divide, many miles south of Namiquipa, and fleeing toward Parral. The absence of definite news of the chase has given birth to many wild rumors, all of which apparently are untrue.

APPEALS FOR MODERATION

QUERETARO, Mexico, March 30.—Candido Aguilar, Carranza's foreign minister, today appealed to the press of the United States to act with moderation and in the name of patriotism aid the Carranza and American governments in an earnest effort to solve amicably international incidents. He deplored the publication of false stories in some sections of the American press.

Villa Near Death When Tortured Victim Tries To Throttle Bandit Chief

American Fred Holmstrom, Capt. John Murphy and Capt. Tom Quinn, U.S. Cavalry, were captured and held as prisoners of the bandit chief, Villa, in the mountains of the Mexican state of Coahuila. They were tortured by Villa's men, but escaped from their captors and were captured by Carranzista forces under Capt. Gregorio Diaz. Diaz freed the men, but Villa's men recaptured them and carried them to the town of Linares, where they were tortured again, and finally released.

SIX MINERS KILLED

BUENOS AIRES, March 28.—Six miners and two boys were killed and five others were wounded in an explosion at the Chacabuco coal mine in La Plata, according to a report in the *Capital*. According to the report, the explosion occurred at 10:30 a.m. The miners had been working at the mine since 8 a.m., and had been working for three hours.

The explosion came suddenly, without any warning, and the miners were buried under the earth. The bodies of the dead miners were recovered by Carranzista forces under Capt. Gregorio Diaz. The bodies were recovered by Carranzista forces under Capt. Gregorio Diaz. The bodies were recovered by Carranzista forces under Capt. Gregorio Diaz.

At The Theatre

AMERICAN STAGEPLAY PRESENTS "LITTLE JOE" AND "TOM CHANG." In "Tom Chang," James Cagney and June Marlowe play the title characters.

LAWRENCE TAYLOR IN "THE WHITE ROSE" AND BOBBIE HALL IN "THE GIRL AND THE GUITAR."

MILAN OPERA IN "FAIRY TALE."

ZOOLOGIC PARK—OPENING AFTERNOON AND NIGHT.

JOHN BROWN IN "AUDITORIUM" SECOND PERFORMANCE OF "ONE MILITARY MAN" WITH CAPTAIN JOHN L. KELLY AS SPYMASTER.

Coming Attractions

Rotary—REOPENING OF GORGEOUS THEATRE

AND CINEMA—PICTURES OF THE BEST

THEATRE MIDNIGHT AFTERNOON AND NIGHT.

TODAY'S LOCAL CALENDAR

WEALTHY MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL THIS AFTERNOON AT 4:30 o'clock.

HOME GUARDS DRILL AT 7:30 TONIGHT.

would hang them. Ropes were placed about their necks and they were jerked into the air, but not permitted to die. Just as it appeared that they were about to lose consciousness they would be lowered to earth with the demand that they recite the bidding places of houses about the ranch. There were no hidden houses, so far as investigation has disclosed. The prisoners also were offered their lives if they would point out the bidding places of many other valuable documents.

After several mock hangings Villa ordered the five men taken into the garden where each was shot five times. To residents of the ranch, all Mexicans, Villa said: "You may bury them or not as you please." They were all buried in one grave after Villa left.

Before going Villa led one member of the family, Gregorio, Jr., whose life he had spared, back to the young man's mother and said to her: "I am going to leave you this one son to support me. You might as well kill him as not as you please."

Near the bandit imprisoned each of the women on the ranch, placing them in separate rooms. When he had them all locked up and tormented them with his captors he said: "I am going to kill you because you are too Americanized; you know how to speak English."

Instead of killing them, outright Villa had them partly stripped and then beat them with the flats of heavy swords. Macio Polanco broke away from his captors and had succeeded in locking one hand about Villa's throat before he was beaten off. Next Villa ordered the five stand up beneath a huge arborway where he told them he

JUAREZ, Mex., March 30.—Gen. Diaz said tonight that he had received a message from a reliable source in Madre, Mexico, revealing that Villa had been shot in the leg. He added that he had wired for details.